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# H. R. 5850

To provide for the inclusion of Israel in the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2012

Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ROTHRMAN of New Jersey, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. SCHOCK, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOLT, Mr. GRIMM, and Mr. DOLD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Visa Waiver for Israel  
5       Act of 2012”.

6       **SEC. 2. ISRAEL DESIGNATED AS A PROGRAM COUNTRY FOR**  
7                   **VISA WAIVER PROGRAM.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date described  
9       in subsection (c), Israel shall be deemed a program coun-

1 try for purposes of section 217 of the Immigration and  
2 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187).

3 (b) EXEMPTION FROM APPLICATION OF CERTAIN  
4 REQUIREMENTS.—In the case of Israel, section  
5 217(c)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
6 U.S.C. 1187(c)(2)(A)) does not apply.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE; COMPLIANCE REQUIRE-  
8 MENTS.—The date described in this subsection is the date  
9 that the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation  
10 with the Secretary of State, determines that Israel has  
11 complied with the following:

12 (1) The government of Israel has entered into  
13 an agreement with the Government of the United  
14 States to report, or make available through Interpol  
15 or other means as designated by the Secretary of  
16 Homeland Security, to the United States Govern-  
17 ment information about the theft or loss of pass-  
18 ports within a strict time limit and in a manner  
19 specified in the agreement.

20 (2) The government of Israel has entered into  
21 an agreement with the Government of the United  
22 States to share information regarding whether citi-  
23 zens and nationals of Israel traveling to the United  
24 States represent a threat to the security or welfare  
25 of the United States.

7                             (4) The government of Israel issues all new and  
8                             reissued passports with biometric identifiers as de-  
9                             scribed in section 303 of the Enhanced Border Secu-  
10                          rity and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 (8 U.S.C.  
11                          1732).

12                         (5) The government of Israel has made every  
13 reasonable effort, without jeopardizing the security  
14 of the State of Israel, to ensure that reciprocal privi-  
15 leges are extended to all United States citizens.

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